



# CITY OF INGLEWOOD

## Office of the Mayor



**James T. Butts, Jr.**  
Mayor

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Hilda L. Solis, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Room 383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Via Fax: (213) 613-1739

RE: Los Angeles County Pharmaceuticals and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance – **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Dear Supervisor Solis:

The City of Inglewood submits this letter supporting the drafting and adoption of Los Angeles County's Pharmaceuticals and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance.

The proposed ordinance would require the development of Stewardship Plans to address the collection and disposal of unwanted/unused pharmaceuticals and sharps waste generated by residents. The ordinance establishes a sustainably-financed program that will provide residents with a convenient way to safely dispose of unwanted sharps and pharmaceuticals and help to prevent them from entering the environment, reduce their availability for drug abuse and misuse, and reduce injuries associated with sharps being improperly disposed.

With access to safe and convenient disposal options, as well as an assertive outreach and educational program, residents will be more informed of appropriate collection and disposal methods.

We understand the County has conducted multiple stakeholder meetings which included representatives from the manufacturers and producers of these materials: retailers, pharmacies, consumer advocacy groups, environmental organizations, waste hauling industry executives, and others in order to develop the most effective ordinance.

The passage of this ordinance would ensure that manufacturers and producers of prescription and non-prescription drugs and sharps share in the responsibility of proper disposal of their products. The City of Inglewood supports this shared responsibility approach as the costs of managing these materials at the end of their life should not solely come from local jurisdictions.

Again, The City of Inglewood supports the adoption of this ordinance so that our residents have access to safe, convenient, and sustainably-financed collection and disposal methods of pharmaceuticals and sharps.

Thank you. Should you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Angela Williams at [awilliams@cityofinglewood.org](mailto:awilliams@cityofinglewood.org).



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